

SUMMARY

HA-1299

Gilbert-Zielski House
Gilbert Road
Aberdeen, MD 21014

A substantial, two-story fieldstone residence, the Gilbert-Zielski House probably dates from the third quarter of the 19th century. The 104 acre farm on part of "Hall's" or "Gilbert's Pipe" belonged to Carvil Gilbert at that time and was designated as "Widow's Dower" in the settlement of his estate in 1895. The property had been owned by the Gilberts for at least a century before that.

The house is significant primarily for its association with the Gilbert Family, who had owned a great deal of land in this area. The 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map even names the intersection of what are now Aldino-Stepney and Gilbert Roads, "Gilbert Town."

Although altered, this house is the most formal of the Gilbert Houses. Still standing, including the William Kral House (HA-998) and the William Sims House (HA-1298).

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gilbert-Zielski House

2 LOCATION West side of Gilbert Road, north of Maxa Road, near Aberdeen

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Zielski

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Gilbert Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BL 100

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story fieldstone house is located on the west side of Gilbert Road, north of Maxa Road in Harford County, Maryland.

Three bays wide and two bays deep, the house has a gable roof and two interior end brick chimneys. Facing north, it has several frame additions on the south side, as noted later. Windows in the stone portion have 6/6 sash with narrow beaded trim and, occasionally, louvered shutters.

The north facade, spanned by a shed-roofed porch, has an entrance in the center bay flanked by one window on each side. The entrance door appears to be recent. The square porch posts have doric capitals and collars at mid-height of a similar design.

Both ends are similar with two windows in each story and two 4/4 sash windows in the gable. The east end has a basement door in the south bay.

The frame additions consist of a one-story, gable-roofed section covered in vinyl siding (an exposed section shows that it had been shingled), with a one-story, shed-roofed wing to the west (extending beyond the west end of the stone section). A one-room shingled addition, extending from the second story of the stone section, is set on the north portion of the gabled wing, with their respective roof slopes at perpendicular angles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1784, Michael Gilbert, Sr., left his son, M. Taylor Gilbert 100 acres of "Hall's Pipe" on Swan Creek.¹ In his will dated November 7, 1837, he left all his real and personal property to his wife, Elizabeth Gilbert.² When the latter died intestate, her seven children inherited equal shares in the 100 acre farm and over a period of 20 years sold their shares to Carvil (or Carville) Gilbert.³ By this time, the tract was referred to as "Gilbert's" rather than "Hall's" Pipe, but it was the same parcel that Martin Gilbert had left to his wife, Elizabeth.

According to plats filed with the equity case settling his estate in 1893, Carvil Gilbert did not reside in the house on the particular lot, but on a 61-acre lot composed of the tracts "Hazard" and "Royal Exchanged Resurveyed." The 104-acre farm with this particular dwelling and a barn was designated "Widow's Dower" for Carvil Gilbert's wife, Susan Gilbert. The 1878 Martenet's Map lists a house in or near this location as belonging to Mrs. S. Gilbert. In 1895, Ida B. Hughes acquired this lot in an equity dispute.⁴

From then on, the property passed through a rapid series of owners: in 1910, canner James B. Baker purchased 173 acres including this farm,⁵ selling it the same year to Bertha Baker Middleton. In 1915, it was sold to John Rembold,⁶ a settlement of his estate in 1935 sold it to Zenith Graybeal,⁸ who retained it until 1943.

This house, probably constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century, is primarily significant for its association with the Gilbert family; the property had been in the Gilbert family for more than a century when it was sold to Ida Hughes in 1895. The Gilberts had been substantial landowners in this area, and the 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map names the crossroads of what are now Aldino-Stepney & Gilbert Roads, "Gilbert Town." Several of the old houses still standing in this vicinity belonged to the Gilberts at one time. (See the William Kral house, HA-998; the William Sims House.)

1. Will Records Liber AJ 2, Folio 234
2. Will Records Liber TSB 5, Folio 305
3. Liber HDG 31, Folio 346
- Liber HD 30, Folio 148
- Liber HDG 36, Folio 370
- Liber WHD 15, Folio 338
4. Liber WSF 86, Folio 8
5. Liber JAR 130, Folio 135
6. Liber JAR 132, Folio 147
7. Liber JAR 147, Folio 65
8. Liber SWC 237, Folio 142

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56 177

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will & Equity Records of Harford County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

9/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Title Search

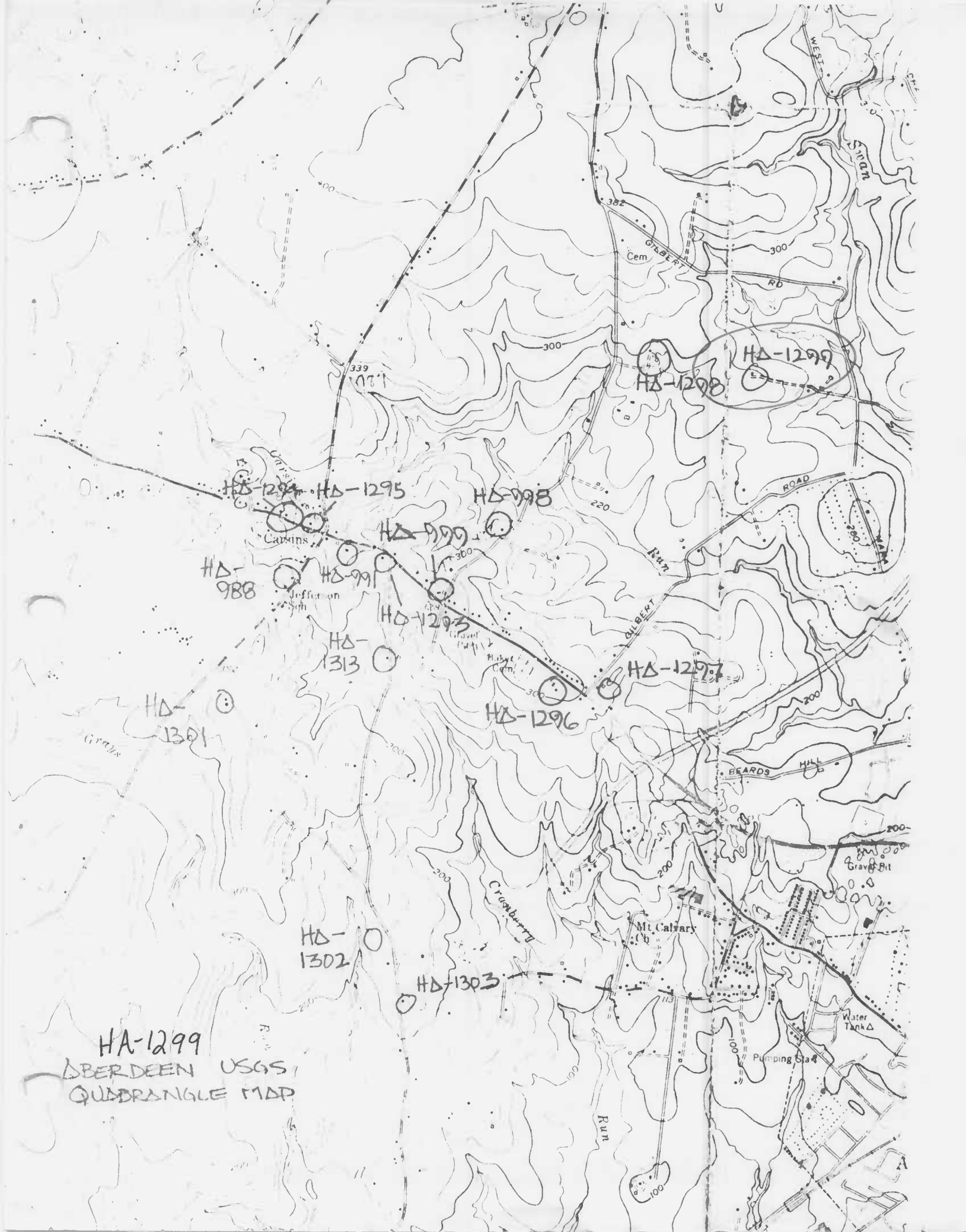
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1. 1036/720 August 5, 1977 Grantor: Samuel T. Jones
Grantee: Warren M. & Colleen Zielski
Acreage: 20 Acres
2. HDC 1004/517 July 22, 1976 Grantor: Ivan D. Rhoads
Commercial & Savings Bank
Grantee: Samuel T. Jones
Acreage: 302.23 Acres
3. HDC 886/162 November 11, 1971 Grantor: Zero, Inc.
Grantee: Ivan D. & Louella Todd Rhoads
Acreage: Tract #3 = Parcel 1 = 174 Acres
Parcel 2 = 132 Acres
4. 886/159 November 11, 1971 Grantor: Louella Todd Rhoads
Grantee: Zero, Inc.
Acreage: Parcel 1 = 174 Acres
Parcel 2 = 132 Acres
5. GLB 276/301 January 29, 1943 Grantor: Zenith M. & W. Byron Graybeal
Grantee: Ross S. & Louella U. Todd
 $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 174 acre parcel
6. GLB 276/305 January 29, 1943 Grantor: S. Winfield & Belle T. Cain
Grantee: Ross S. & Louella U. Todd
1/2 interest
7. SWC 237/142 May 22, 1935 Grantor: Frederick Lee Coburn, Trustee
Grantee: Zenith M. Graybeal
Sum: \$4500
Acreage: 174 Acres
8. JAR 147/65 January 13, 1915 Grantor: Bertha Baker & James S. Middleton
Grantee: John Renhold
Acreage: 174 Acres
9. JAR 132/147 December 5, 1910 Grantor: James B. & Fannie R. Baker
Grantee: Bertha Baker Middleton
Sum: \$7850
Acreage: 1. 68 A 3 R 1 
2. 105 A
10. JAR 130/135 March 29, 1910 Grantor: Ida B. & J. Scott Hughes
Grantee: James B. Baker
Sum: \$7500
Acreage: 1. 68 A 3 R 1 
2. 105 A
11. WSF 86/8 June 5, 1895 Grantor: Henry W. Archer, Jr. & Willard G. Rouse
2nd Part: Mary E. & James T. Hughes
3rd Part: Ida B. Hughes
(Equity Records: Ida B. Hughes vs. Susan Gilbert,
et al)
(Settlement of Carvil Gilbert's estate)

TITLE SEARCH (Cont'd.)

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12a. WHD 15/338	November 16, 1864	Grantor: James Ewing of Cecil Co. Matilda Bagely, widow - heir of Caroline Gilbert Grantee: Carvil T. Gilbert Acreage: 1/7 interest in 100 acres of Gilberts Pipe
12b. HDG 36/370	November 21, 1850	Grantor: George & Matilda E. Baldwin Grantee: Carvill T. Gilbert Sum: \$225 Acreage: part of land of Martin T. Gilbert
12c. HD 30/148	October 12, 1844	Grantor: Michael & Martha Gilbert, John N. & Sarah Gilbert, Corbin & Christiana Mitchell Grantee: Carvil T. Gilbert Sum: \$675 Acreage: 3 undivided parts of land of father, Martin Gilbert, dec.
12d. HDG 31/346	November 25, 1845	Grantor: George T. & Sarah Louisa Gilbert Grantee: Carville T. Gilbert Sum: \$72 Acreage: "Gilberts Pipe" = 100 A.
13. Will Records TSB 5/305	November 7, 1837	Will of Martin T. Gilbert
14. Will Records AJ 2/234	1874	Will of Michael Gilbert, Sr. 100 A. → son, M. Taylor Gilbert





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Northwest



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